

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Abstract and claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 12 are amended. Support for these amendments can be found, at least, on pages 21-23 of Applicants' specification. No new matter is added.

The Abstract is objected to for an informality. The Abstract, as amended, does not contain an informality. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0052998 to Kiyosu et al. ("Kiyosu"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 12, as amended, recite a print service support system that generates device link profile information where "the device link profile information containing multiple color reproducibility information, the multiple color reproducibility information containing color reproducibility information for a specific remarkable print output machine at a specific agency." Neither AAPA nor Kiyosu disclose or suggest these features.

AAPA discloses multiple agencies having multiple remarkable print output machines. See paragraphs [0004] and [0005] of Applicants' published specification. AAPA explains that each agency can display the print output data on its own computer, the print data using its own print output machine, and adjust the tint or the like. See paragraphs [0004] and [0005] of Applicants' published specification.

AAPA identifies a color reproducibility information of one print output machine is not always identical to that of another and each agency must refer to results printed by print output machines of other agencies as samples. See paragraphs [0004] and [0005] of Applicants' published specification. As such, the AAPA does not disclose device link profile

information containing color reproducibility information where the multiple color reproducibility information contains color reproducibility information for a specific remarkable print output machine at a specific agency.

Kiyosu does not cure AAPA's deficiencies. Kiyosu discloses a color image processing device for causing an output unit connected via a network to output a color image. See paragraph [0002] of Kiyosu. Kiyosu discloses a color conversion section 13 that takes out the color conversion information corresponding to the output unit specified as the output target through an instruction terminal 11 from the color conversion information storage section 14, and performs color conversion processing for original data according to the color conversion information. See paragraph [0055] of Kiyosu.

Kiyosu discloses that the color conversion information storage section 14 stores the color conversion information provided in a one-to-one correspondence with the output units and color conversion information is set so that the output color of the output unit based on the original data becomes a target color. See paragraphs [0055] - [0058] of Kiyosu. In other words, Kiyosu stores color conversion information for a targeted output device and converts the color information at the source device based upon the color conversion information for the target device. However, Kiyosu does not store color conversion information for a plurality of different target devices at a particular agency and then converts the print data based upon a specific device at a specific agency.

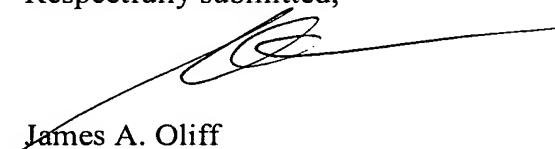
By contrast, claim 1 recites a print service support system having a unit for generating device link profile information where "the device link profile information containing multiple color reproducibility information, the multiple color reproducibility information containing color reproducibility information for a specific remarkable print output machine at a specific agency." Neither AAPA nor Kiyosu disclose or suggest this feature of claim 1, nor do they disclose or suggest the above-mentioned features of claims 4-6, 9, 10 and 12. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 12, and claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 11, depending therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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